Tuesday, August 8, 2000

Orbiters on the move as launches near



KSC hosts opening ceremonies for law enforcement games



▲ Shuttle Update: Orbiters and payloads are on the move. Atlantis rolled from OPF bay 3 to the VAB yesterday and early this morning, the orbiter was mated to the external tank and solid rocket boosters in VAB high bay 1. The SPACEHAB will be installed into the payload canister today

and then transferred to Launch Pad 39B on Friday, Aug. 11. Shuttle Atlantis begins roll out to Launch Pad 39B on Sunday, Aug. 13, at about 11 p.m. Discovery is currently scheduled to move to the VAB on Monday, Aug. 21.

▲ KSC Welcomes International Police: On Sunday, Aug. 6, the KSC Visitor Complex hosted more than 1,850 law enforcement officers and their families for the opening ceremonies of the 2000 International Law Enforcement Games. Participants from 15 countries and 37 states gathered at the Rocket Garden for parades and torch lighting.



The opening included comments by Brevard County Sheriff Phil Williams, Brevard County Commissioner Helen Voltz and astronaut Sam Durrance. The teams officially began the "Battle of the Badges" with a tug-of-war competition.

- ◆ FEW Sponsors Habitat Build -- Federally Employed Women, Space Coast Chapter, is participating in a "Space Coast Women Habitat Build" on Aug. 12, from 8 a.m. 3 p.m. A maximum of 27 women volunteers are needed to help build this house. The task will be installing roof sheeting and interior walls. (No children under 16 are permitted on the site and permission slips are required for children over 16.) All tools are provided, as well as lunch, water, soda and coffee. Participants must wear close-toed shoes and hard hat to work on the site. You do not have to be a member of any organization to participate in this very worthwhile event, just have a willingness to help someone else. If you would like to participate, please contact Dawn Partlow at 867-2895 or send an e-mail to Dawn.Partlow-1@kmail.ksc.nasa.gov
- ♦ Shuttle Launch Simulation -- New technology has hit Kennedy Space Center's home page! The URL below is an *interactive* Web site that *stimulates*, *entertains*, and *educates!* Spaceport Services, External Relations, and SGS are pleased to present the Shuttle Launch Simulation. Give it a try by going to http://pao.ksc.nasa.gov/sim/default.htm.
- ◆ Road Closure: Starting today through Aug. 16, Utility Road will be closed from the Utility Annex (Complex 39 Area) north through "Safe Haven." The road closure is to repair the high temperature hot water line running from the Utility Annex to Orbiter Processing Facility 1& 2.
- ◆ **Did You Know?** Personnel fishing on KSC and CCAFS are reminded that fishing is closed for launches as follows: *Titan* -- Five days prior to launch. *Atlas/Delta* -- On launch day. *Shuttle* -- Three days prior to launch.

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